MINUTES

OF THE

NINETY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

CHURCH AT HIGH HILL

SEPT. 13, 14, 15, 1929.

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. R. WILSON, *Moderator* - - 105 James St., Danville, Va.
C. T. MILLS, *Clerk* - - - - - - - - Monroe, N. C., Route 2
H. M. BAUCOM, *Assistant Clerk* - - - - - Peachland, N. C.

Next session will convene with the Church at Liberty Hill, Stanley County, N. C., Friday, Saturday and third Sunday in September, 1930.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE "ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK" PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever Church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that Church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and suffrages of that Church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that Church may deem prudent to request any member of another Church to assist in the business transaction of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature, except it has first been passed upon by the local Churches composing this Association, then the work of the Churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring it or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local Churches, shall be considered out of order by the Church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister Churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association, except that which is necessary to set forth the status of each Church composing this body in the form of a minute.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY'S SESSION

The congregation convened in the house Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Wilson from the subject of the children of Israel passing from Egyptian bondage to the promised land.

Intermission of one hour for dinner, after which the brethren returned to the house, and after praise and prayer by Elder P. W. Williard, the church went into conference by retaining Elder J. R. Wilson as Moderator and C. T. Mills as Clerk, who called H. M. Baucom to his assistance.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing with their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from sister churches, which were handed in and their status noted.

From Pleasant Grove—T. F. Mills, W. B. Helms, Lonnie Mills.

From Watson—Elder O. C. Mullis, J. T. Simpson, E. V. Baucom, J. D. Mullis.

High Hill—Whole church.

From High Ridge—Lonnie Thomas and others.

From Lawyer's Springs—W. A. Dry, C. P. Griffin, T. C. Griffin, E. C. Jones, C. B. Edwards and others.

From Union Grove—F. L. Baucom, J. T. Price, F. P. Duse, C. R. Hill and others.

From Freedom—A. J. Duse, J. C. Miller and others.

From Bethel—Represented by letter.

From Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, Amos Vanhoy and others.

From Meadow Creek—D. M. Hitchcock and others.

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From Liberty Hill—L. C. Blackwelder and others.

3. Called for petitionary letters.

Bro. L. C. Blackwelder and others presented a letter from Liberty Hill asking for admission into this union, which was granted.

Bro. D. M. Hathcock and others presented a letter from Meadow Creek asking admittance into this union, which was granted.

Also Bro. J. E. Russell and others presented a letter from Mountain Creek asking admission into this union, which was granted.

The church at Jones' Hill sent messengers bearing a letter confessing their faults and asking the churches to forgive them.

The church at High Hill and all those present gladly forgave them and the other sister churches of this union are requested to pass

upon their request and report to the next session of this Association at Liberty Hill.

4. Invited corresponding brethren from sister Associations to seats.

From Dan River—Elders J. R. Wilson, W. F. Pruitt, F. F. Eggleston, P. W. Williard and others.

From Silver Creek—Bro. T. H. Bently.

Tennessee, Nolachucky—File of minutes.

Bethel of Georgia—File of minutes.

Mt. Zion—File of minutes.

Marietta—File of minutes.

Sequachi Valley—File of minutes.

5. Invited visiting brethren from sister Associations to seats.

From Ebenezer—Elder R. H. Pittman.

From Washington—Elder T. W. Osborne.

From Senter—Elder R. A. May.

From Marietta—Bro. M. N. Dodd.

6. Appointed Committee on Preaching—J. E. Russell, C. T. Mills, H. M. Baucom.

On Finance—Van P. Helms, F. P. Duse, L. L. Griffin.

SATURDAY MORNING

8. Met in the house pursuant to adjournment, and after praise and prayer by Elder R. H. Pittman, proceeded to business as follows:

Called on Finance Committee to report.

Reported sent up by the churches this year $140.05.

Called for corresponding letter, which was handed in, read and approved.

9. On motion it was agreed to hold our next session with the church at Liberty Hill, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1930, and continuing three days, and that the officers of that church be the officers of the Association, with the privilege of calling in assistance if they desire, and the pastor of that church to preach the introductory sermon.

10. It was agreed to have 1,000 copies of these minutes printed, and H. M. Baucom is requested to have the job done and he be allowed $30.50 to pay for said printing and mailing them out.

11. On motion it was agreed that we extend thanks to God for His blessings, and to the people of this vicinity for their hospitality during the meeting.

12. On motion it was agreed that we make mention of Elders J. F. Mills and H. Taylor, who have died during the past year. They both lived to a ripe old age and were loyal to the cause of the Master to the last. They were noble men of God and the churches of their former care and the brethren generally loved them and sought their

counsel when in trouble. They died in the full fellowship of their brethren.

Thus closed one of the most pleasant meetings it has ever been our pleasure to attend, amid shouting and praising the Lord aloud.

ELDER J. R. WILSON, Moderator.
C. T. MILLS, Clerk.
H. M. BAUCOM, Assistant Clerk.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ELDER C. H. WHITE - - - - - Wadesboro, N. C.
ELDER O. C. MULLIS - - Unionville, N. C., Route 2
ELDER W. E. BENTON - - - - - Shallotte, S. C.
Licentiates: JAS. T. JONES and CHARLIE MULLIS.

VISITING ELDERS

Elder P. W. Williard.....High Point, N. C.
Elder R. H. Pittman.....Luray, Va.
Elder T. W. Osborne.....Stinson, Va.
Elder W. F. Pruitt.....Ruffin, N. C.
Elder J. R. Wilson.....105 James St., Danville, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleston.....Danville, Va.
Elder R. A. May.....Lenoir, N. C.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday A. M.—Elders J. R. Wilson, introductory sermon.
Friday P. M.—Elders R. A. May and T. W. Osborne.
Saturday A. M.—Elders O. C. Mullis and R. A. May.
Saturday P. M.—Elders W. F. Pruitt and P. J. Washburn.
Sunday A. M.—Elders T. W. Osborne and P. W. Williard.
Sunday P. M.—Elders R. H. Pittman and J. R. Wilson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total contributors $140.05
Distributed to ministers 109.55
Reserved for printing minutes..... 30.50

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The "Original Bear Creek" Primitive Baptist Association, to our Sister Associations with Whom We Correspond—Greeting:

Dear Brethren:

We are happy and thankful to say that the dear Lord has granted us the privilege of another sweet meeting or association, especially

so since that we can say that we are in peace and sweet fellowship. Also wish to thank our Heavenly Master that He has sent up ministers who are satisfied with the doctrine of the church of God, and are opposing all those extremes which have always caused so much distress among the brotherhood.

Dear brethren, we appreciate your love and fellowship in a corresponding way, but desire more to meet you face to face; yet if not permitted to in this life we hope that in the morning of that great day that we shall all be together as one united family in that beautiful home.

We hope that many of you, especially the preaching brethren, will have a mind to visit and be with us at our next session.

Love to all the Saints,

VANN P. HELMS.

Done by order of High Hill Church, with whom the Association has convened.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec'd by Ex. and Bap.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Rec'd by Confession	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contribution
Pleasant Grove	Eld. W. F. Pruitt Eld. P. J. Washburn	T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C.	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	36	2	$10.00
Watson	Eld. O. C. Mullis	Preston Helms, Unionville, N. C., Rt. 2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	4	10.50
Union Grove	Eld. W. F. Pruitt	F. L. Baucom, Monroe, N. C., Rt. 2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	61	2	36.50
High Hill	Eld. J. R. Wilson	C. T. Mills, Monroe, N. C., Rt. 2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	37	1	26.55
High Ridge	Eld. O. C. Mullis	Lonnie Thomas, Marshville, N. C., Rt. 1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	3	1.50
Freedom	Eld. O. C. Mullis	J. C. Miller, Albermarle, N. C., Rt. 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2.00
Bethel	Eld. W. E. Benton	O. J. Bell, Wampee, S. C.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	2.00
Lawyers Springs	Eld. J. R. Wilson	H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C.	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	51	1	23.50
Liberty Hill	Eld. O. C. Mullis	L. C. Blackwelder, Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Rt. 1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	8	1	2.00
Meadow Creek	Eld. O. C. Mullis	D. M. Hathcock, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	2	2.00
Mountain Creek	Eld. P. J. Washburn	J. E. Russell, Albermarle, N. C.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	3	2.00
		Total	17	1	1	0	3	6	5	278	....	118.55
			Handed in by friends									21.50
												$140.05

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